

DDAG Completes Successful Army Prepo

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Defense Distribution Depot Albany, Georgia (DDAG) completed a successful Army Prepositioning Afloat Program inspection June 4, 2001. This annual event took almost two months, involved the majority of the distribution center's workforce, and required receipt, inspection, and re-containerization of more than 1,200 containers.



DDAG Prepo MV Titus to be unloaded.

The U.S. Army keeps one of two MV ships, MV Titus and MV Gibson, at sea at all times, ready for any contingency that would require re-supplying of various Army units around the world. Every year one of the ships returns to the U.S. for maintenance, and not just maintenance on the ship. The cargo is removed, opened, unpackaged, inspected, refilled, re-packaged, re-containerized, and sent back to sea for another two years of standing ready for any contingency.

DDAG won the contract to do this work for the Army this year. The DDAG labor force put in 10-12 hour work days, seven days a week to accomplish the feat of unpacking, inspecting, and re-packing the more than 1,200 containers. Mr. William Oliver, DDAG Division Chief, Special Projects Division, who oversaw the bid and the work on the Prepo, said the civilian workforce "really stepped up to the challenge and completed the work safely and on-time."

A 30-day supply of everything but weapons and ammunition was onboard MV Titus. DDAG employees inspected uniforms, gas tanks, boots, meals ready-to-eat, chemical suits, and circuit cards, to name a few of the items involved. Every item received necessary maintenance and those items with expired shelf-lives were replaced.



Prepo cargo headed to DDAG

The number of containers was so large and many containers were so heavy that rail travel from the port to DDAG was the only appropriate means of transport. It would have taken more than 500 trucks to move the cargo.

DDAG, located on one of two Marine Corps Logistics Bases or MCLB, has a very diversified range of missions and stock. DDAG is the primary source of storage and distribution of secondary repair parts and expendables for the Marine Corps Maintenance Facility on MCLB Albany, GA. It also stocks a wide range of commonly ordered items by the military services and other DoD customers. Items stored fall into the categories of meals ready-to-eat, clothing and textiles, construction materials, electrical supplies, electronic components, secondary repair parts and several more categories. In addition to the basic receive, store, and ship mission, DDAG performs preservation and packaging; stock readiness inspection, unit, kit and set assembly; marking; and reclassification of material.

Containers awaiting DDAG inspection.



Exterior container inspection by DDAG staff.

DDAG employees reload containers for transit back to MV Titus.



Army Prepo containers depart DDAG for reloading on MV Titus.